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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing in reference to AT&T's proposal to merge with T-Mobile USA, which is under review in the FCC's 11-65 docket.

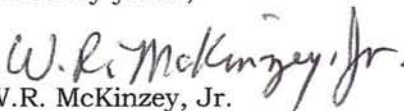
Here in Aliceville, we are a diverse town representing people from all walks of life and heritage. Many of our residents live below the poverty line, yet there is a great desire among many to lift themselves up through education, hard work and honest jobs.

Schools are particularly important in our town, as is our public library. Yet I wonder whether we are receiving the full benefits of the Internet. In the larger cities, people can use their cellphones practically as extensions of computers. I understand this is because the networks there have more capacity and speed than those deployed in smaller towns and rural areas.

All towns around America, even small ones in Alabama, deserve that kind of resource. That is why I think that putting together AT&T and T-Mobile would help spur the building of more sophisticated networks that our students and teachers could use to bring more material, viewpoints and information into studies and projects.

I think a merger would be a good thing, and I endorse the two companies getting together.

Sincerely yours,


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